

December 20, 2005

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Dear Ms Hanson:

Re: Water Right Application No. **S2-30298**

Thank you for acknowledging receipt of my application for a surface water right at my property on Lake Cushman. I ask that you keep this letter with my file to note that while your standard recommendation is to attempt to purchase all or part of an existing water right, to the best of my knowledge there are none in existence serving the Mueller Rock area of Lake Cushman. Further, this area is not accessible by road making access to drill wells impossible. Even if we could get a drilling rig into the area, the geology is solid Basalt. It is highly improbable that we would be successful in drilling a well by any means here.

With regard to the fact that Washington State has a systemic constraint on water availability, I also want to note for the record that this is not the case at my site where my needs are not significant relative to the quantity of water available in the lake at all times.

Therefore, unless this request is approved, I believe that we will not be able to use our property residentially due to Mason County requirements for a water source capable of 800 gallons per day. This would deny us beneficial use of our land, which in light of the local availability of sufficient water seems unwarranted.

We note that the claim processing rates are not promising based on the data at your website showing 240 claims processed against a backlog of 7040 in the year 2000. At that rate, it will be 29 years before our application would surface to the top of the stack, assuming the backlog has not grown in the past 5 years, or that the resolution rate has not changed. Even so, we hope that our claim is validated, allowing us to build our cabin.

Thank you,

Jan & Connie Nelson





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December 8, 2005

Jan Nelson
PO Box 195
Wauna WA 98395

Dear Ms. Nelson:

Re: Water Right Application No. **S2-30298**

This letter is to acknowledge that the Department of Ecology received your water right application. We have assigned your application the number indicated above. Please include this number in future correspondence regarding your application.

When we begin actively evaluating applications in your area, we will prepare a public notice and send it to you with publication instructions. It will be sometime before we are able to begin working in your area.

The availability of water in Washington State is a serious problem. Much of the water in our state has already been appropriated. The competition for water has escalated with our state's increasing population, conflicting water policy issues, and grave declines in salmon and other fish populations. With the many demands on the state's water resources, a favorable permit decision is not always possible. You may want to consider purchasing all or part of an existing water right.

Please be sure to notify Ecology of changes such as address, property ownership, or variations in your proposed water use plans. If you would like further information on your application, please contact our office at (360) 407-6300.

Sincerely,

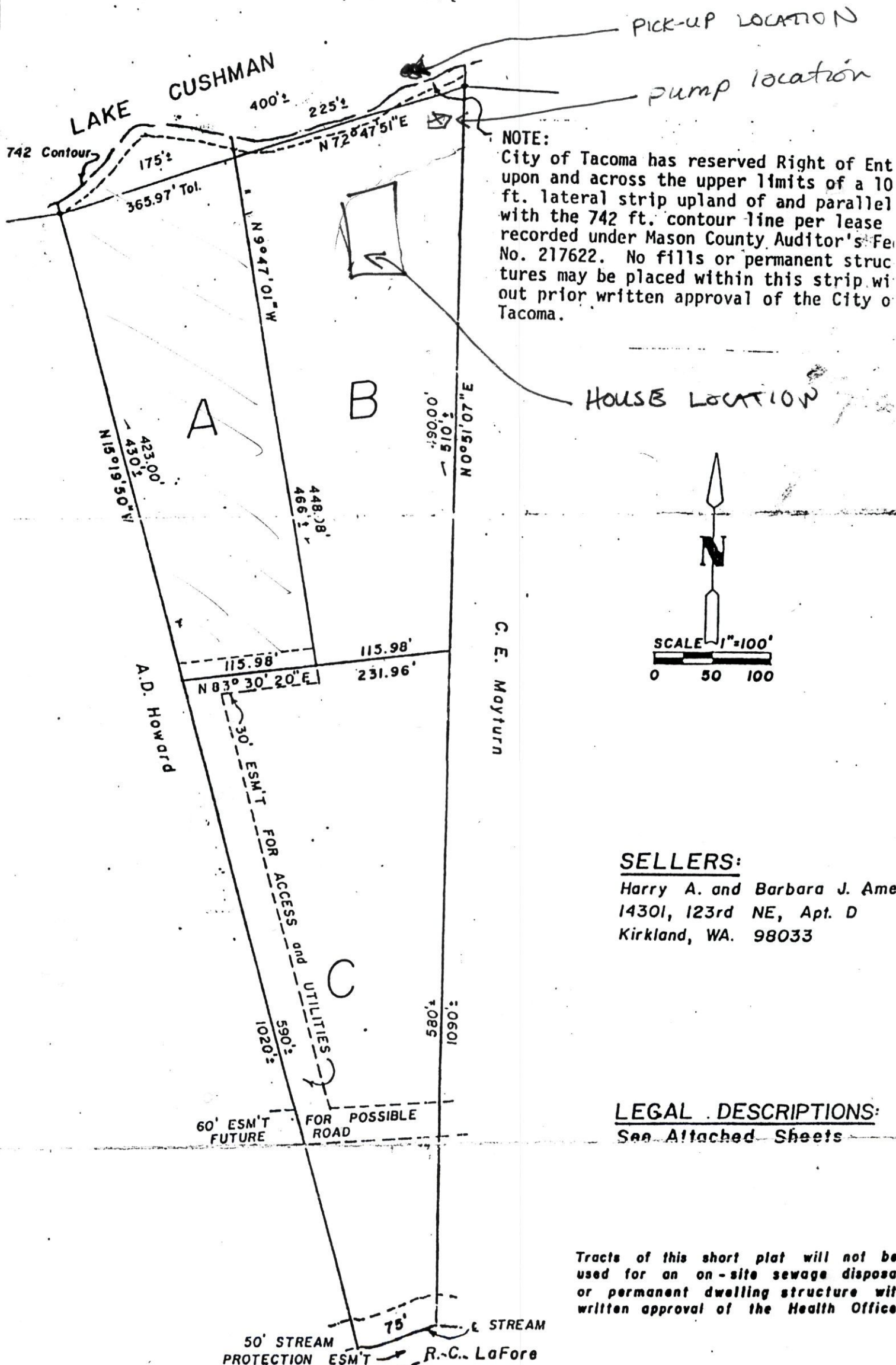
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LOT BLOCK 3, ASSESSOR'S PLAT of
LAKE CUSHMAN - WESTSIDE
AS RECORDED IN VOLUME 9 OF PLATS, PAGES 88-95
MASON COUNTY, WASHINGTON



MERLE B. LINDGREN (877-9264)

P.O. Box 326 Hoodspert, WA. 98548

AMES SHORT PLAT

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August 10, 1973

LAKE CUSHMAN WESTSIDE EXHIBIT "A"
MUELLER ROCK AREA

PARCEL NO. 8

That portion of the south half (S 1/2) of Section 13, Township 23 North, Range 6 West of W.M., Mason County, Washington, described as follows:

Commencing at the southeast corner of the SW 1/4 of said section; thence N 86° 40' 12" W 1349.20 feet along the south line of said SW 1/4; thence N 3° 19' 48" E 655.64 feet to intersect a survey staking line which approximately parallels centerline of a stream; thence S 68° 16' 14" W 15.00 feet along said staking line to the Point of Beginning; thence continuing S 68° 16' 14" W 75.00 feet; thence N 15° 19' 50" W 1010.00 feet more or less to the contour line 742.00 feet above mean sea level; thence easterly along said 742.00 foot contour line to a point from which the Point of Beginning bears S 0° 51' 07" W; thence S 0° 51' 07" W 1065.00 feet more or less to the Point of Beginning;

TOGETHER WITH those lands lying between the centerline of said stream and extending northerly therefrom to said survey staking line and between the extended sidelines of the above-described tract, EXCEPT those lands lying between said centerline of stream and extending southerly therefrom to said survey staking line.

Said contour line shall be determined by reference to the bronze plaque imbedded in the top of Lake Cushman Dam No. 1 near the easterly side of said dam, which bronze plaque has engraved on it the figures U.S.G.S. J-32, and for the purpose of this reference it is understood that said plaque is placed at the elevation 741.50 feet above mean sea level.

SUBJECT TO the right of entry by the City of Tacoma upon the above property to a distance of ten lateral feet from said contour line, as provided in that certain lease bearing Auditor's Fee No. 217662, records of Mason County, Washington;

SUBJECT TO and TOGETHER WITH easements for the purposes of public trails, public view points, greenbelts, access, and utilities over, under, through and across the above-described parcel and adjoining property, as shown on map identified as Lake Cushman Westside, Exhibit "M", attached hereto and by this reference made a part hereof.

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RECEIPT

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Department of Ecology

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Manual Receipt

PO Box 5128

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